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1. IN EMBASSY'S VIEW, GEN WEYAND'S VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA JULY 30 TO AUG 3 WAS VALUABLE FROM SEVERAL STANDPOINTS. IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING GEN WEYAND A FIRST-HAND LOOK AT THE US MILITARY ASSISTANCE EFFORT HERE, AND THE FACTORS INVOLVED, IT SERVED TO REASSURE THE SAUDIS AS TO THE IMPORTANCE OF SAUDI ARABIA TO THE UNITED STATES. THIS ASPECT WAS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT IN VIEW OF THE CONCERN WITHIN THE SAUDI HEIRARCHY OVER THE RELIABILITY

OF US SUPPORT AS A RESULT OF RECENT CONGRESSIONAL ACTIONS IN LIMITING AID TO TURKEY AND JORDAN. THAT GEN WEYAND VISITED ONLY IRAN AND SAUDI ARABIA ON THIS TRIP WAS ANOTHER PLUS.

2. GEN WEYAND CALLED UPON PRINCES SULTAN, MODA; TURKI, DEPMODA; AND BADR, ACTING CINC SAUDI NATIONAL GUARD, AS WELL AS LTG AMRI, DEP COFS SAUDI ARMED FORCES (VICE GEN SHUMAIMRI WHO WAS OUT OF THE COUNTRY). IT WAS CLEAR THROUGHOUT THAT THE SAUDIS

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WELCOMED GEN WEYAND AND APPRECIATED HIS VIEWS. CONTENT OF THE

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